

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 300*  
*JOHNNIE L. TRIPLETT*

**WHEREAS,** we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Johnnie L. Triplett, beloved father of Alderwoman Kacie Starr Triplett, on Tuesday, December 18, 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** on August 18, 1952, Johnnie L. Triplett, affectionately known as “Big John,” was born in Macon, Mississippi to the union of John and Lena Triplett, the eldest of five children; and

**WHEREAS,** Johnnie L. Triplett accepted Christ at an early age and attended St. Louis Public Schools and St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS,** after a brief career in the U.S. Military, he was honorably discharged. He then completed an apprenticeship program with Bricklayers Local 1 and later joined the brotherhood of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562. He served as a Pipefitter and union organizer with Local 562 for over 29 years, organizing non-union shops and fighting for quality jobs and wages. He worked for inclusion within the union membership; and

**WHEREAS,** as a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, he worked with other union members to create an organization called Men Who Care, which raised money for charity; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 18, 1975, Johnnie and Jill Bass were united in holy matrimony. Two children were born to this union, Kacie Starr Triplett and Travis John Triplett (Jeralynn).

**WHEREAS,** he leaves to cherish his memory his loving parents, John and Lena Triplett; four sisters, Rebecca McClure, Jennifer Whitfield (Scott), Tracy Triplett and Brenda Triplett, who preceded him in death; a granddaughter, Christiana; an expected grandson due January, 2008; a special friend, Ms. Diane Johnson; and a host of friends and other relatives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis metropolitan community we pause to remember the many contributions of Johnnie L. Triplett to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and the region, and we join his family and many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, and we further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of the proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation to the family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008 by:

**Hon. Bennice Jones-King, 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**Hon. Samuel L. Moore, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Hon. Charles Q. Troupe, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**Hon. Dionne Flowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

**Hon. Freeman Bosley, Sr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

**Hon. April Ford Griffin, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward**

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Hon. Marlene Davis, 19<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Hon. Craig Schmid, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Hon. Jeffrey Boyd, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
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Hon. Frank Williamson, 26<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Hon. Gregory Carter, 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Hon. Lyda Krewson, 28<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Hon. Lewis E. Reed, President

Adopted this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008 as attested by:

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Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen